

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
JOINT  
2 RESOLUTION NO. 1050

By: Fetgatter and Wright of the  
House

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4 and

5 David of the Senate  
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8 A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of State  
9 to refer to the people for their approval or  
10 rejection a proposed amendment to Section 33 of  
11 Article V of the Constitution of the State of  
Oklahoma; modifying voting requirement with respect  
to revenue measure; providing ballot title; and  
directing filing.

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14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE  
15 2ND SESSION OF THE 56TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

16 SECTION 1. The Secretary of State shall refer to the people for  
17 their approval or rejection, as and in the manner provided by law,  
18 the following proposed amendment to Section 33 of Article V of the  
19 Constitution of the State of Oklahoma to read as follows:

20 Section 33. A. All bills for raising revenue shall originate  
21 in the House of Representatives. The Senate may propose amendments  
22 to revenue bills.

23 B. No revenue bill shall be passed during the five last days of  
24 the session.

1 C. Any revenue bill originating in the House of Representatives  
2 shall not become effective until it has been referred to the people  
3 of the state at the next general election held throughout the state  
4 and shall become effective and be in force when it has been approved  
5 by a majority of the votes cast on the measure at such election and  
6 not otherwise, except as otherwise provided in subsection D of this  
7 section.

8 D. Any revenue bill originating in the House of Representatives  
9 may become law without being submitted to a vote of the people of  
10 the state if such bill receives the approval of ~~three-fourths (3/4)~~  
11 two-thirds (2/3) of the membership of the House of Representatives  
12 and ~~three-fourths (3/4)~~ two-thirds (2/3) of the membership of the  
13 Senate and is submitted to the Governor for appropriate action. Any  
14 such revenue bill shall not be subject to the emergency measure  
15 provision authorized in Section 58 of this Article and shall not  
16 become effective and be in force until ninety days after it has been  
17 approved by the Legislature, and acted on by the Governor.

18 SECTION 2. The Ballot Title for the proposed Constitutional  
19 amendment as set forth in SECTION 1 of this resolution shall be in  
20 the following form:

21 BALLLOT TITLE  
22 Legislative Referendum No. \_\_\_\_\_ State Question No. \_\_\_\_\_

23 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:  
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1 This measure amends the Oklahoma Constitution. It amends  
2 Section 33 of Article 5. This section governs the way in which  
3 revenue raising bills are considered in a session of the  
4 Legislature. Under current law, if three-fourths (3/4) of the  
5 members of each chamber of the Legislature vote to approve a  
6 revenue-raising measure, that measure does not have to be  
7 submitted to a vote of the people for their approval. This  
8 measure would reduce the three-fourths (3/4) requirement to two-  
9 thirds (2/3). If the amendment is adopted, the current voting  
10 requirement would be reduced from seventy-five percent (75%) to  
11 sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66 2/3%). For the Oklahoma  
12 House of Representatives this means the number of votes required  
13 for approval without submitting the question to a vote of the  
14 people would change from 76 votes to 68 votes. For the Oklahoma  
15 State Senate this means the number of votes required for  
16 approval without submitting the question to a vote of the people  
17 would change from 36 votes to 32 votes.

18 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

19 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES \_\_\_\_\_

20 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO \_\_\_\_\_

21 SECTION 3. The Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives,  
22 immediately after the passage of this resolution, shall prepare and  
23 file one copy thereof, including the Ballot Title set forth in  
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1 SECTION 2 hereof, with the Secretary of State and one copy with the  
2 Attorney General.

3 Passed the House of Representatives the 15th day of March, 2018.

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6 Presiding Officer of the House  
7 of Representatives

8 Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

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